IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE D.S.R.VARMA

WRIT PETITION NO : 3466 of 2005

Between:

Officers Club, Bowinpally, Secunderabad,
Being rep by its Managing Director, Mr. S. Lakshman Kumar, S/o. S.L. Krishna, aged about 40 years, r/o. 1-8-32/4A, Bupubagh, PG Road Secunderabad.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad.
2 The Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Zone, Hyderabad.
3 The Addl. Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force, Hyderabad.
4 The Asst. Commissioner of Police, Begumpet Division, Hyderabad.
5 The Station House Officer, Bowinapally PS Secunderabad.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ order or order more especially one in the nature of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in interfering with the lawful activities of the petitioner club in conducting various games and playing rummy in the premises of the petitioner club, as illegal, arbitrary, capricious and violative of Art.14 of the Constitution of India and consequentially direct the respondents and their constables not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner club, including playing rummy within the premises of the petitioner club the and pass such other or orders as are deemed fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.RAVI SHANKAR JANDHYALA

Counsel for the Respondent No.: GP FOR HOME

The Court made the following :

ORDER:.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondents are interfering with the lawful activities of the members of the petitioner's Club.

Time and again, the Supreme Court as well as this court held that the lawful activities of the members of the Club, shall not be interfered with and even rummy was held to be a game of skill. Therefore, it is needless to reiterate the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court as well as this Court.

Therefore, the Writ petition is allowed, with a direction to the respondents, not to interfere with the lawful activities of the petitioner's Club. It is made clear that the respondents are always at liberty to interfere with the unlawful activities, if any, found. No costs.

D.S.R. VARMA, J

DATED: 04.03.2005

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